

**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD
HELD IN ROOM 648 OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION,
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
ON
THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2014, AT 9:30 AM**

Present: Chair John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the Claims Board on items of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board.**

No members of the public addressed the Claims Board.

3. **Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9).**

- a. **Manuel Reyes Garcia v. County of Los Angeles
United States District Court Case No. CV 12-0848 GW**

This lawsuit alleges that the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department delayed in providing medical care, which resulted in injuries to an inmate.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$150,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

[See Supporting Document](#)

b. **Tina Lemos v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. KC 063 584

This lawsuit arises from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving a Sheriff's Deputy.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved settlement of this matter in the amount of \$62,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 - John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

[See Supporting Documents](#)

4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

The Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in closed session as indicated under Agenda Item No. 3 above.

5. Approval of the minutes of the April 21, 2014, meeting of the Claims Board.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – John Naimo, Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu

[See Supporting Document](#)

6. Items not on the posted agenda, to be referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a further meeting of the Board, or matters requiring immediate action because of emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

No such matters were discussed.

7. Adjournment.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Manuel Reyes Garcia v. County of Los Angeles
CASE NUMBER	CV12-0848 GW
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	February 22, 2012
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$150,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Thomas A. Zaccaro, Esq. Paul Hastings LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Narbeh Bagdasarian - Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>While in the custody of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department ("LASD"), Mr. Garcia received medical care from the LASD's providers, as well as the providers at the LAC+USC Medical Center.</p> <p>In his lawsuit against the County, Mr. Garcia claimed that the LASD providers delayed in providing care to him which caused scarring and nerve injury in his scrotal area.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$188,813
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$12,453

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	<u>Tina Lemos v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u>
CASE NUMBER	KC063584
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	June 29, 2012
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 62,500
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Law Offices of Jubin Sharifi
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Brian T. Chu Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a motor vehicle negligence lawsuit involving a Sheriff's Department patrol unit that rear-ended the Plaintiff's vehicle on July 20, 2011, on State Route 71, in the City of Pomona.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$62,500 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 53,459
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 15,149

Case Name: Tina Lemos v. County of Los Angeles, et al.



Summary Corrective Action Plan

The intent of this form is to assist departments in writing a corrective action plan summary for attachment to the settlement documents developed for the Board of Supervisors and/or the County of Los Angeles Claims Board. The summary should be a specific overview of the claims/lawsuits' identified root causes and corrective actions (status, time frame, and responsible party). This summary does not replace the Corrective Action Plan form. If there is a question related to confidentiality, please consult County Counsel.

Date of incident/event:	Wednesday, July 20, 2011; approximately 1:50 p.m.
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p><u>Tina Lemos v. County of Los Angeles, et al.</u> Summary Corrective Action Plan No. 2014-001</p> <p>On Wednesday, July 20, 2011, at approximately 1:50 p.m., a Los Angeles County deputy sheriff, assigned to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Special Enforcement Bureau, was driving a standard black and white, County of Los Angeles-owned patrol vehicle south on State Route 71, north of West Mission Boulevard, Pomona, when the vehicle he was driving collided with the plaintiff's vehicle.</p>

1. Briefly describe the root cause(s) of the claim/lawsuit:

This traffic collision was thoroughly investigated by representatives from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Walnut/Diamond Bar Station. The investigation concluded the deputy sheriff caused the traffic collision by violating California Vehicle Code section 22350, Basic Speed Law.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department had relevant policies and procedures/protocols in effect at the time of the incident.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's training curriculum addresses the circumstances which occurred in the incident.

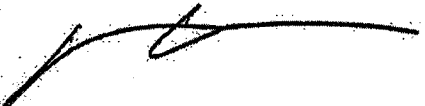
The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's administrative review revealed employee misconduct. As a result, appropriate administrative action was imposed upon one member of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

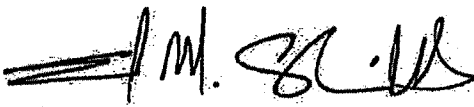
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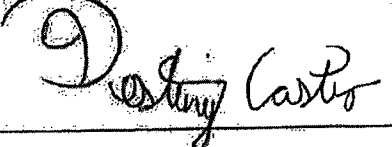
3. Are the corrective actions addressing department-wide system issues?

- ☐ Yes – The corrective actions address department-wide system issues.
☒ No – The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator) Ronald D. Williams, Captain Risk Management Bureau	
Signature: 	Date: 4/14/14

Name: (Department Head) Earl M. Shields, Chief Professional Standards Division	
Signature: 	Date: 04-18-2014

Chief Executive Office Risk Management Inspector General USE ONLY	
Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability. <input type="checkbox"/> No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this department.	
Name: (Risk Management Inspector General) Destiny Castro	
Signature: 	Date: 4/12/2014

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
April 21, 2014

1. Call to Order.

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Claims Board Members present at the meeting were: Steve Robles, and Patrick Wu, with Chair John Naimo being absent.

Other persons in attendance at the meeting were: Office of the County Counsel: Lauren Black; Department of Children and Family Services: Michelle Victor; Sheriff's Department: Sgt. Bruce Cantley; Outside Counsel: Diana Ratcliff.

2. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Claims Board on items of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board.

No members of the public addressed the Claims Board.

3. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9).

At 9:33 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into Closed Session to discuss the item listed as 4(a) below.

4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.

At 10:05 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as follows:

**a. Gillian Baker, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 11-0550**

This lawsuit alleges that the Department of Children and Family Services wrongfully detained two minors, and alleges excessive force was used by a Sheriff's Deputy during an arrest at juvenile court.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$250,000.

Vote: Ayes: 2 - Steve Robles and Patrick Wu
Absent: Chair John Naimo

5. **Approval of the minutes of the April 7, 2014, meeting of the Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 2 - Steve Robles and Patrick Wu
Absent: Chair John Naimo

6. **Items not on the posted agenda, to be referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a further meeting of the Board, or matters requiring immediate action because of emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the posting of the agenda.**

No such matters were discussed.

7. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

By Carol J. Slosson
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